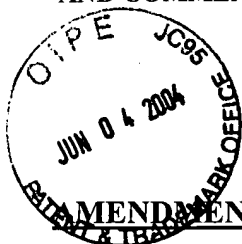


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89. (Previously Presented) A soft tissue implant material comprising at least partially non-resorbable biologically-compatible polymeric particles having a coating of calcium hydroxide thereon, wherein said particles have interstices therebetween having dimensions effective to permit soft tissue to grow therein.

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90. (Previously Presented) A particulate soft tissue implant comprising the material of claim 89.

91. (Previously Presented) A soft tissue implant material comprising at least partially non-resorbable biologically-compatible polymeric particles having an amount of calcium hydroxide thereon effective to induce soft tissue growth, wherein said particles have interstices therebetween having dimensions effective to permit soft tissue to grow therein.

92. (Previously Presented) A particulate soft tissue implant comprising the material of claim 91.

93. (Previously Presented) Implant material of claim 90, wherein the biologically-compatible polymeric particles are non-resorbable.